#### U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

## AMENDED CHARTER FOR THE DECENNIAL CENSUS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

#### NOW TO BE NAMED

#### 2010 CENSUS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

#### **ESTABLISHMENT**

The Secretary of Commerce, having determined that it is in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed by law on the Department of Commerce, and with the concurrence of the General Services Administration, hereby amends the name of the Decennial Census Advisory Committee, now to be named the 2010 Census Advisory Committee, pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2. The new name of the advisory committee will replace the former name of the advisory committee as it appears throughout the charter.

#### **OBJECTIVES AND DUTIES**

- 1. The purpose of the decennial census is to apportion seats in the U.S. House of Representatives and to determine legislative district boundaries within states. Census data also are used in the allocation of federal funds to states and local communities. The Census Bureau's mandate is to count every person in the United States and honor our pledge of confidentiality. The 2010 Census Advisory Committee (2010 CAC) will consider the needs of the decennial census from the perspective of outside data users and other organizations having a substantial interest and expertise in the conduct and outcome of the decennial census. The goals of the 2010 Reengineered Census of Population and Housing are to improve the relevance and timeliness of long-form data (through the introduction of the American Community Survey (ACS)), reduce operational risk, improve the accuracy of coverage, and contain cost. The 2010 CAC will consider these goals from the perspective of outside data users and other organizations having a substantial interest and expertise in the conduct and outcome of the decennial census. The committee will provide advice on how the Census Bureau can effectively and efficiently accomplish its goals and objectives for the 2010 Reengineered Census of Population and Housing.
- 2. The 2010 CAC will address policy, research, and technical issues related to the design and implementation of the 2010 Reengineered Census of Population and Housing, including the ACS.
- 3. The 2010 CAC will provide formal review and feedback on working papers, reports, and other documents developed on the design and implementation of the 2010 Reengineered Census of Population and Housing, including the ACS. The committee will use formal

advisory committee meetings, conference calls, working groups, and other means of review and communication to accomplish its goals.

- 4. The 2010 CAC will function solely as an advisory body and will comply fully with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.
- 5. The Vice-Chair of the 2010 CAC will serve as an ex-officio member, in a non-voting capacity, to the Census Advisory Committees on the African American, American Indian and Alaska Native, Asian, Hispanic, and Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Populations.

### **MEMBERS**

- 1. The Secretary shall appoint the member organizations and designate the Chair and Vice-Chair of the 2010 CAC. Member organizations, the Chair and the Vice-Chair shall serve at the pleasure of the Secretary.
- 2. Member organizations shall initially serve a term of either two or three years. Upon completion of the initial terms, all subsequent terms shall be three years. This will allow for staggered term expirations and enhance organizational continuity between terms. Members may be asked to serve a second term, pending: (1) the organization's active participation in advisory committee activities (including regular meeting attendance, conference and working group participation), (2) overall advisory committee needs for expertise and specialized advice, and (3) the status and schedule of decennial planning activities and implementation (i.e., planning, design, data collection, or dissemination phase).
- 3. The 2010 CAC will consist of a Chair, Vice-Chair, and a designated representative from each member organization. The committee will be comprised of up to 20 member organizations. Representatives shall be heads of member organizations (i.e., Chief Executive Officers, Executive Directors, etc.), with a substantial interest in the conduct and outcome of the 2010 Reengineered Census of Population and Housing, including the ACS.

Member organizations shall represent data users, general governmental entities, technology-based organizations, and entities with expertise in the statutory and constitutional uses of decennial census data, including redistricting. Membership also will include ex-officio members representing Senate and U.S. House of Representatives committees with decennial census oversight responsibilities and ad hoc organizations with expertise in redistricting. The Census Advisory Committees on the African American Population, the American Indian and Alaska Native Populations, the Asian Population, the Hispanic Population, and the Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander

Populations, will designate one member, as a representative of those five Committees, to also serve as an ex-officio member of the 2010 CAC. Ex-officio members serve in a nonvoting capacity.

# ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

- The 2010 CAC shall report to the Director of the Census Bureau. 1.
- The Designated Federal Official for the advisory committee shall be appointed by the 2. Director of the Census Bureau.
- The Chair of the 2010 CAC may establish subcommittees or working groups from among its members as he or she deems necessary, subject to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and the Department of Commerce Committee Management 3. Handbook.
  - The 2010 CAC will meet at least once a year. Subcommittees may meet more frequently. 4.
  - The Census Bureau shall provide staff support for the 2010 CAC. 5.
  - Members of the 2010 CAC will not be compensated for their services but will, upon request, be allowed travel and per diem expenses as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5701 et seq. 6. to attend meetings of the committee.
  - The annual cost of operating the 2010 CAC is estimated at \$131,582 (including one and 7. one-half persons staff support).

The charter shall terminate two years from the date of the filing of the last renewal of the charter, which was February 28, 2005, with the appropriate U.S. Senate and House of Representatives Oversight Committees unless earlier terminated or renewed by proper authority.

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05.17.05 Date

Pursuant to subsection 9(c) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, this charter amendment was filed with the Acting Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary for Administration on May 17, 2005. On the same date, a copy was filed with the following committees of Congress, and a copy furnished to the Library of Congress:

- Senate Committee on Appropriations
- Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
- Senate Committee on Finance
- House Committee on Appropriations
- House Committee on Government Reform

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